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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Example** |
| bindle (n) | sadly, sullenly, gloomily | “O.K. Bring your **bindle** over here by the fire. It’s gonna be nice sleepin’ here...” |
| imperiously (adv) | a handyman; someone who performs odd jobs often involving cleaning | George’s hand remained outstretched **imperiously**...George snapped his fingers sharply, and at the sound Lennie laid the mouse in his hand. |
| juncture (n) | a type of grain | ...on the valley side the water is lined with trees— willows fresh and green with every spring, carrying in their lower leaf **junctures** the debris of the winter’s flooding... |
| lumbered (v) | where two things come together | Lennie **lumbered** to his feet and disappeared in the brush. |
| morosely (adv) | fearful or uneasy | George still stared **morosely** at the fire. “When I think of the swell time I could have without you, I go nuts. I never get no peace.” |
| yammered (v) | commandingly; arrogantly; dominantly | Up the hill from the river a coyote **yammered**, and a dog answered from the other side of the stream. |
| apprehensive (adj) | a bed roll and/or pack of personal belongings | “I’m tryin’ to find Curley, Slim.” “Well, you ain’t tryin’ very hard. I seen him goin’ in your house.” She was suddenly **apprehensive**. “’Bye, boys,” she called into the bunk house, and she hurried away. |
| barley (n) | insulting; belittling | “Can’t hardly see nothing in here. You the new guys?” “Just come,” said George. “Gonna buck **barley**?” “That’s what the boss says.” |
| contorted (adj) | uncertainly; doubtfully | His face **contorted** with thought. |
| derogatory (adj) | walked heavily | George studied the cards absorbedly. “That’s a dirty thing to tell around,” he said. The old man was reassured. He had drawn a **derogatory** statement from George. |
| sceptically (adv) | whined or complained | “I ain’t so sure,” said George **skeptically**. |
| swamper (n) | twisted or bent out of shape | The old **swamper** shifted his broom and held it between his elbow and his side while he held out his hand for the can. |